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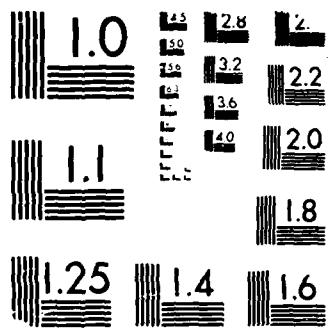
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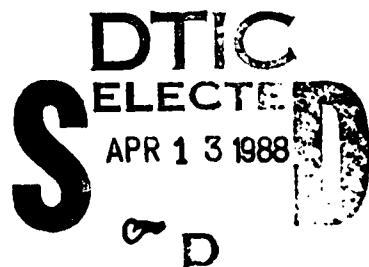
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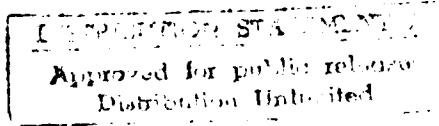
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as a function of structure in the maximum excitation  $P_{max}$  to interchromophoric coupling between the  $\pi$  ligand systems. This study and previous efforts make apparent that the charge localization is intrinsic in nature, not solvent driven. Examination of cyano bridged dimers, and trimers of Ru-bpy indicates that the photophysical properties are altered substantially relative to the monomer properties in solution.

Within the past few months, the emphases has shifted to the polymer pendant  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$  materials. The excited state properties of the pendant complex attached to polyvinylbipyridine and polystyrene polymer have been examined and absorption, emission and polarization spectra appear little perturbed by the polymer environment. In contrast, the electrochemically generated species show unique changes in the ESR of the polymer pendant material vs. the free monomer species. The future emphasis will include attachment of various mixed ligand complexes to the polymer as well as use of different polymer backbones. Professor DeArmond will continue the research program after his move to New Mexico State University.

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